



A GREAT PLACE FOR ALL KIDS

Sherwood School District 88J
Board of Education
Special Work Session
February 27, 2012
Minutes

The Sherwood School District Board of Education met with the Sherwood City Council in a special work session on February 27, 2012 in the Community Room of the Sherwood Police Department located at 20495 Southwest Borchers Dr. Sherwood, OR 97140.

In Attendance from the Sherwood School District:

Chair Andy Pihl, Vice Chair Sue Hekker, Directors Kevin Noreen and Mark Christie, Superintendent Heather Cordie, District Administrators Wayne Lowry and Michelle DeBoard, Executive Assistant Corey Thompson. Director Connie Hansen was absent.

In Attendance from the City of Sherwood:

Mayor Keith Mays, Council President Dave Grant, Councilors Bill Butterfield, Matt Langer, Robyn Folsom, Krisanna Clark and Linda Henderson, City Manager Pro Tem Tom Pessemier, and Police Chief Jeff Groth.

Chair Andy Pihl called the meeting to order at 6:35pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (6:36 p.m.)

Chair Pihl led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS (6:37 p.m.)

Chair Pihl explained the format of the evening; the School Board and City Council will each provide updates, with discussion and questions welcome throughout the discussion. All in attendance then introduced themselves.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS (7:00 p.m.)

Wayne Lowry provided a financial update for the School District, including factors affecting the District's revenue and expenditures, the estimated reduction target, and the District's strategy and process for developing the 2012-13 budget. Discussion ensued and City Councilors expressed their willingness to support the District in light of anticipated reductions.

Sue Hekker provided an update regarding HB3681, open enrollment. Hekker explained the current process for inter and intra-district transfers, and how new legislation alters how districts admit students. The Board voted to participate in open enrollment, opening 85 slots at three schools, as a strategy to mitigate any potential loss of students.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (7:56 p.m.)

Keith Mays provided an update on numerous topics relevant to the District and the City including the recruitment of a new city manager, the expansion of the indebtedness of the urban renewal district, current status of projects including Cannery Square Plaza and the Community Center, a potential parks bond, and the City's budget process. The Council is looking to update the town center plan this year; there will need to be conversation about how dense residents want the town center to be and how the southwest corridor plan may impact Sherwood's town center

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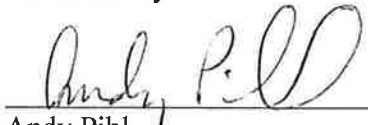
plan. The City also applied and was successful in obtaining over \$5 million to extend the Cedar Creek Trail. A sidewalk fee was added to utility bills for the "safe sidewalks to schools" program; the money will support construction of sidewalks near the Ridges and Middleton campuses.

Councilor Grant noted how the Council sometimes receives comment regarding the relationship between class size and Sherwood's booming growth over the past twenty years. The Board noted that since the economy declined, growth of students has greatly diminished and class size is impacted by budgetary issues, not new families. They also noted Sherwood's class sizes look good compared to many other districts. Pihl noted it will be important for the community to understand the challenges that lack of growth among new families creates for the District; many of the District's great programs are a direct result of growth.


Tom Pessemier offered for City staff to attend a Board work session to present about the town center.

Chair Pihl adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

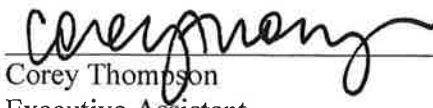
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Mayor



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